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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Friday, February 1, 2008
9:00 A.M.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Edward Haik, Chairperson; Allan O'Shea; and Carl Rutske

Others Present: Thomas Kaminski, County Controller/Administrator; Dale Kowalkowski, Sheriff; Kenneth Hilliard, Emergency Management Coordinator; Glenn Zaring, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; and Rachel Nelson, Administrative Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 A.M.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Sheriff Kowalkowski has been working on finalizing the Animal Control and Rabies Enforcement Ordinance. His meeting with the County Prosecutor to review the Ordinance was canceled, and he is trying to set up another meeting because nothing can proceed before that happens. He did meet with Clara Kraus Saari, a member of the Animal Control and Rabies Enforcement Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee, who would like the Ordinance to be phrased as "all animals" instead of "dogs", and this is something that will be discussed with the County Prosecutor.

The Sheriff next discussed a proposed Manistee County Sheriff/Manistee City Police Reciprocal Law Enforcement Agreement. Manistee Chief of Police David Bachman is currently reviewing the agreement and will meet with Sheriff Kowalkowski. Hopefully, they will have an agreement to present to the Committee next month. This agreement was created because one of the City Police officers would like to assist the Dive Team. Mr. Haik noted that perhaps something should be added stating that the requesting agency must make all requests for assistance, meaning that, for example, if the Sheriff's Office is notified, they are not the responsible party for notifying others. No agreements have been made with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Police Department, however, Sheriff Kowalkowski has met with the Ogema and Glenn Zaring. Mr. Zaring reported that it was a productive meeting and the issues are on the table.

Sheriff Kowalkowski mentioned that earlier this week, Consumers Power called the dispatchers at 9-1-1 half an hour before they were going to have a power outage. The dispatchers notified the Hospital and Medical Care Facility, but did not notify the Sheriff's Office. The power outage

caused a power surge at the Sheriff's Office which, even though they have surge protectors, caused them to lose five cameras. Because this situation could have been prevented if the dispatchers had notified the Sheriff's Office of the coming power outage, the Sheriff is going to submit the bill for the cameras (approximately \$750) to 9-1-1. The Sheriff hopes that they can establish better communication with the dispatchers.

The Sheriff wanted to inform the Committee that there is a proposed 67% cut to the Justice Systems Grant Appropriations for 2008. This would affect the SSCENT program, which the County funds approximately 75% of already. Without SSCENT, there would be no active narcotics investigations, and it has been a great program. Sheriff Kowalkowski intends to write a letter requesting that this funding not be cut so harshly.

The jail lock system is approximately 20 years old and needs to be replaced. The Sheriff's Office has received two bids for this work. There is a large difference in price, so more research needs to be done before something is actually presented to the Committee. Mr. Kaminski noted that the voted Jail Bond has been paid off, and for several reasons, there is a remainder of \$71,800 in that fund which could possibly be used for this project. There is also money in the Capital Improvement Fund from jail inmate telephone revenue which could possibly be used.

Mr. Hilliard reported that the local planning team for the Homeland Security Funds met last Wednesday, and they were in favor of spending some of the grant money on an intercom system for the Courthouse. The intercom system would be for emergencies only, and could possibly be run through the telephones. The County Board of Commissioners would only have to approve having the system since the funding would come from the grant. County Administration will solicit proposals for this project.

The Courthouse Alarm System/Panic Buttons have been fully operational since yesterday. The system is now hard-lined into the phone line, which would notify the 9-1-1 dispatchers, who would then notify the Deputies of an emergency. Sheriff Kowalkowski noted that it has also been a great program having a security officer at the Courthouse.

Mr. Kaminski reported that the four Sheriff's vehicles will be advertised for sale in the local newspaper as well as several other interested parties. The County van was sold to Filer Township for \$1 as previously discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 A.M.

Edward Haik, Chairperson

Allan O'Shea, Commissioner

Carl Rutske, Commissioner